AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) *to* (d) An initial proposal was received from the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) for setting up a 30 MW solar thermal power project near Bhuj in Gujarat. Generation of power through the solar thermal route is a new technology which is site specific, capital intensive and depends upon various techno-economic factors. In view of this, it is planned to first take up an R&D project during the 8th Plan. The request made by GEDA was examined alongwith other proposals and not found favourable for the first R&D project.

Bio-Gas Plants in Gujarat

87. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to install bio-gas plants in each district of Gujarat upto 31st October, 1993 is under Government's consideration;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any special programme to provide financial help and technology to install the same; and

(c) what are the number of bio-gas plants set up in Gujarat district-wise and year-wise, with the help of Central Government during the last five years and what results have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bio-gas Development Programme for setting up of bio-gas plants is under implementation in the whole country including all the districts of Gujarat.

(b) No special programme is under consideration of this Ministry for installation of bio-gas plants in Gujarat. However, under the existing biogas development programme of this Ministry, financial assistance is being provided for installaton of biogas plants in the form of Central subsidy, promotional incentives, turnk-key job fees etc.

(c) A total of 119194 family type biogas have been set up in the State of Gujarat during the period 1988-89 to 1992-93 under National Project on Biogas Development. Besides, 55 community, institutional and night soil based biogas plants have also been set up in the State during this period under community, institutional, nighi soil based biogas plants programme. Year-wise and District-wise information on number of family type biogas plants and community, institutional and night soil based biogas plants installed during the period from 1988-89 to 1992-93 is given in Annexure-I [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 81.

Infrastructure for Improved Chullahs

88. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme for installing improved chullahs which save a vast amount of firewood lacks infrastructural support at various stages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the programme consequently has suffered from serious lapses by implementing agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Under the National Programme on Improved Chulhas, funds are being provided to the nodal/implementing agencies towards Core organisational support (at the HQ) and other infrastructural facilities. The programme is implemented by States and UTs through their already established networks at the District/Block/Village levels and also through reputed voluntary organisations,

Besides providing funds for the above support, this Ministry is also providing funds at the rate of Rs. 20 per chulha for the Self Employed Workers, who are working at the grassroot levels for the installation of chulhas as well as its monitoring for one complete year. While the implementation vests on the nodal/implementing agencies in the States, there is no lack of support towards infrastrcture from the Central Government.

Since 1993-94, a policy of State sharing including for infrastructural support has been incorporated in this programme. A large number of States/UTs have responded positively. There is no complaint from any of the States/UTs/Agencies about lack of infrastructural support which can adversely affect the programme.

With Holding of Pension of Retired Employees

89. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that payment of monthly pension to large number of retired Government employees in Uttar Pradesh has been recently withheld by the State Administration even during the currency of President's Rule for the last eleven months;

(b) if so, the number of employees, category-wise who retired from service year-wise since 1989-90 to whom payment of pension remained pending; and

(c) the action taken to expedite release of pension to the retired employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of employees whose pension payment remains pending is as follows:

Year of retirement	Number
1989-90	42
1990-91	191
1991-92	377
1992-93	987
1993 Nov. 93 . . .	2704

(c) On the directions of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh a special campaign for disposal of pension cases was undertaken from 16-8-93 to 15-9-93 during which 4233 pension cases were settled.

प्रतिनियुक्ति पर स्थानांतरण के आधार पर तैनाती

90. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान** : क्या **प्रधानमंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों में प्रतिनियुक्ति पर नियुक्ति (ट्रांसफर आन डेपूटेशन) के आधार पर कितने व्यक्तियों को तैनात किया गया;

(ख) क्या प्रतिनियुक्ति किये जाने पर अधिकारियों को आर्थिक लाभ मिलता है;

(ग) क्या इसमें अनुसूचित जातियों अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षण की व्यवस्था है;

(घ) क्या सरकार प्रतिनियुक्तियों के लाभ पर भेदभाव कर रही है; और

(ङ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (घ) का उत्तर न हो, तो क्या सरकार प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर होने वाली नियुक्तियों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों के लिए आरक्षण का प्रावधान करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?